103D CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 703

To provide for pilot programs conducted by the Federal Prison Industries to test the feasibility of meeting the need for increased employment of Federal prisoners by producing items, for the private market, in conjunction with private United States firms, that would otherwise be produced by foreign labor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 1993

Mr. Wolf (for himself, Mr. Hyde, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, and Mr. Payne of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Prison Inmate Train-
- 5 ing and Rehabilitation Act of 1993".

SEC. 2. PILOT PROJECTS.

- 2 (a) GENERALLY.—Federal Prison Industries shall
- 3 conduct pilot programs to test the feasibility of providing
- 4 increased employment for Federal prisoners by producing
- 5 items for the private market, in conjunction with private
- 6 United States firms, that would otherwise be produced by
- 7 foreign labor.
- 8 (b) AGREEMENTS WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY.—Fed-
- 9 eral Prison Industries may enter into agreements with pri-
- 10 vate industry in order to carry out this section.
- 11 (c) Exemptions From Requirements of Other
- 12 LAWS.—
- 13 (1) Items produced may be sold to the
- 14 PUBLIC.—An item produced in a pilot program
- under this section is not subject to any restriction
- imposed by law on the sale of items because they are
- produced by prison labor.
- 18 (2) Decisions to produce New Products
- 19 NOT SUBJECT TO INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT PROCE-
- DURES.—Paragraphs (4) through (5) of section
- 4122(b) of title 18, United States Code, do not
- 22 apply with respect to decisions in a pilot program
- 23 under this section.
- 24 (3) Application of competitive proce-
- 25 DURES.—Contracts may be awarded by Federal

Prison Industries under this section without using competitive procedures otherwise required by law.

(d) Report to Congress.—The board of directors of Federal Prison Industries shall include in its annual report to the Congress—

(1) its findings on the results of the pilot programs conducted under this section; and

(2) recommendations as to whether to expand

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this concept within the Federal prison system.

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